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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS
MARCH 5-12, 1972

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal: \$6,000,000

Religious Liberty Conference Planned For Baptist Seminary

Dr. W. Barry Garrett, Director of Information Service, Baptist Joint Committee On Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., will headline the program on the Religious Liberty Conference to be held at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, March 9-10.

The theme of the conference will be "The Biblical Basis for Religious Liberty."

The other out-of-state speaker will be Dr. H. Clayton Waddell, Professor of Christian Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, which is co-sponsoring the Religious Liberty Conference with Rev. Dick Brogan, Director of Work With National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Dr. T. B. Brown, President, Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The first session will begin Thursday, March 9, 10:00 a.m., and the sessions will close at noon, Friday.

In the initial session, Dr. Garrett will speak on "What Do We Mean By Religious Liberty?" and "The Principle of Voluntarism in Religion."

Thursday afternoon Rev. Casey Holmes, Owens Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia, will bring an address on "The Sovereignty of God" and Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, will speak on "The Freedom of Man."

Panel reactors to the Thursday afternoon messages will be Dr. Dudley Wilson, pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson; Dr. S. L. Bowman, Dean of the Simpson County Center, Mendenhall; Rev. Adron Horne, Northwest Delta Center, Cleveland and the Rev. R. S. Porter, President

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X-Rated Films On TV

Massive Letter Writing Protest Advocated

Owen Cooper, well-known Yazoo City industrialist and prominent Baptist layman, said in Nelson Friday night of last week that "Baptist deacons should join with laymen of all religious persuasions in a nationwide write-in campaign protesting the showing of X and R-rated movies by the Columbia Broadcasting System."

Mr. Cooper, who is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, speaking before the annual Lincoln County Baptist Association Deacons - Wives' banquet,

advised the group of the imminent late-night showing of a large number of these films by CBS.

His statement followed recent action by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., protesting the showing of the films.

"The invasion of America's homes with profanity, vulgarity, adultery, incest, homosexuality, child molestation, nudity, and sadism is an affront to the American home."

"Religious people of America should

write at least one million letters to CBS in New York and the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, sending copies to their congressmen, protesting using the home for further erosion of Christian morality," Mr. Cooper stated.

Mr. Cooper, who is also president

of the Pan-American Union of Baptist Men, a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, and active in Mississippi Baptist life, suggested as a

means of getting the letters written

that Sunday School teachers take paper and envelopes to their classes and

that pastors provide writing material

for their congregations so that "on the spot" letters could be written.

He paused in his address long

enough for those present to use paper

at hand in writing letters of protest.

The address of Columbia Broadcast

ing System is 51 W. 52nd St., N. Y., N. Y. 10019.

Mr. Cooper also read from a letter he had written to the Congressional delegation from Mississippi in which he stated that, "If the hand of the television industry has become so calloused that it cannot be depended upon to protect the home from being invaded by immorality at its worst, perhaps the hand of government should be used to bring about protection through further regulations."

Following is the full text of Mr.

Cooper's letter to U. S. Congressman

Abernethy:

February 25, 1972

Honorable Thomas G. Abernethy

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C. 20515

Jerusalem Is Chosen For 1973 Baptist Layman's Congress

JERUSALEM (BP)—Two thousand Baptist laymen from around the world are expected to gather in the Holy City in November, 1973, under the sponsorship of the men's department of the Baptist World Alliance.

David Wong, an architect of Hong Kong and chairman of the Alliance men's department, made the announcement here before a group Southern Baptist state editors who were visiting in Israel.

The Jerusalem meeting will be the second in a series of four regional congresses of Baptist laymen arranged by the Baptist World Alliance during 1972-73, Wong said.

The first will be a meeting of the

Pan American Union of Baptist Men, July 17-27, 1972, in Cali, Colombia. Owen Cooper, an industrialist of Yazoo City, Miss., is president of the organization and was present in Jerusalem with Wong.

Following the Jerusalem gathering of Baptist laymen, Wong announced that similar laymen's meetings will be conducted in 1974 in Hong Kong, and in 1975 in Stockholm preceding the Baptist World Congress scheduled for July 7-11 in Stockholm.

The purpose of the Jerusalem meeting, Wong stated, would be to enable Baptist men to draw inspiration from Jesus' earthly homeland for a more

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Nixon's SBC Appearance Opposed

ILLINOIS (RNS) — The editor of the Southern Baptist Convention's newsmagazine is opposing an appearance by President Nixon at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tom Hurt, editor of the Baptist Standard, said he is against a proposed residential address to the meeting primarily on political grounds and would also be opposed if 1972 were not an election year.

An invitation to Mr. Nixon was issued by the committee planning the convention in Philadelphia.

A definite acceptance has been announced but the White House indicated

that there is "a good chance" Mr. Nixon will accept.

In an editorial in the Feb. 16 issue, Mr. Hurt indicated that he did not feel it appropriate for Southern Baptists to provide a political platform.

The denomination, with 11.9 million members, is the largest Protestant Church in the country.

Mr. Hurt also said the President has supported issues which Southern Baptists oppose.

He particularly cited aid to parochial schools.

The Rev. Lee Porter of First Baptist Church, Bellaire, who is chairman on the committee that invited the

President, said the choice was non-political.

"We asked him because he is the president and because of where the convention will be held," Mr. Porter told a reporter.

Philadelphia is considered the proving ground for religious liberty, a principle near to Baptists.

The theme on the 1972 annual convention is "Proclaim Liberty for All" and Mr. Porter believes an appearance by the President is "quite appropriate."

Evangelist Billy Graham, a close friend of the President, is also scheduled to address the SBC meeting.

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Executive Committee Of SBC Acts On Crowded Schedule

ASHVILLE (BP) — In a bustling February meeting, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee recommended the first phase of a restructuring study of the Southern Baptist Convention, proposed a record 1973 budget, adopted resolutions on the President's visit to China and showed off X-rated movies on television, handled a dozen other major business items, and acted on nine matters referred to it by the 1972 convention in St. Louis.

The three-day meeting opened with approval of the first major report of a "Committee of Fifteen" appointed to study possible restructure of assignments to SBC agencies, voting to recommend the proposals to the convention in Philadelphia, June 6-9.

The committee will recommend that the programs of the SBC Stewardship Commission be assigned instead to the SBC Executive Committee; that the SBC Brotherhood Commission create an advisory committee involving

SBC agency representatives; and that the SBC Radio-Television Commission include as non-voting members staff members of certain SBC agencies.

If the proposals are approved by the conventions in Philadelphia and Portland, in 1972 and 1973, the SBC Stewardship Commission would be dissolved as an agency of the SBC.

The Brotherhood Commission's program assignments would be expanded to cover the "total mission scope of SBC activities," and the work of the Radio-TV Commission would include both production of broadcasting materials for the mass media and closer cooperation and coordination with other SBC agencies and Baptist entities in joint productions of broadcasting materials. The proposals on the Brotherhood and on the Radio-TV Commissions require approval only by the 1972 Philadelphia convention.

The proposed 1973 budget, also to be

recommended to the convention in Philadelphia, totals \$33,042,506, and would include an operating budget of \$31.8 million plus an additional \$1.2 million for capital needs.

The proposed operating budget would be an increase of \$2.6 million over the operating budget for the 12-month period preceding the 1972-73 fiscal year. More than half the proposed budget would go to foreign missions.

In another major action, the Executive Committee proposed addition of

a new bylaw for the Southern Baptist Convention to help solve a parliamentary snarl which arose at the St. Louis convention last June over an interpretation of another bylaw concerning introduction of motions on the convention floor that deal with the work of SBC agencies.

A motion adopted by the St. Louis convention requested the Executive Committee to propose a procedure for dealing with controversial issues affecting internal affairs of SBC agencies.

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State Man To Speak

National Bible Meet, East, Set Richmond

NASHVILLE — Program personalities for the National Bible Conference — East in Richmond, April 24-27, have been announced by the sponsoring Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Meeting at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, conference participants will hear inspirational messages each evening. Speakers are Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., speaking on "Joy and Hope — A Biblical Message"; Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., speaking on "The Pursuit of Happiness"; Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., speaking on "Hope and Its Promises"; and Dale Moody, professor of

Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, speaking on "Joy and Hope, an Eternal Possession."

Each morning an exposition on "The Philippians Exaltation" will be presented by A. Stuart Arnold, consultant in the extension activities section, Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board.

Each morning and evening book expositions will be offered by John D. W. Watts, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on Genesis 1-11; Clyde T. Francisco, Southern Seminary, on Isaiah; Fred M. Wood, pastor of Euclid Baptist Church, Memphis, on Daniel 1-9; L. D. Johnson, chaplain at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., on John 1-6; Harry Burlington, pastor of University Baptist Church, Cheek Hill, N. C., on Revelation 1-3, 21-22.

Afternoon and evening book expositions will be offered by E. D. McCreary, professor of philosophy and religion at Virginia Union University, Richmond, on Psalms; Henry M. Chiles, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, Tenn., on Matthew 16-18, 28; and Dale Moody, professor of

Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Among sessions to be led each

morning and evening on contemporary concerns will be "The Bible Speaks on Human Worth" led by J. Larry Mayo, pastor of Warrington (Fla.) Baptist Church, and "New Testament Churches in Action" led by Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.

Afternoon and evening sessions on contemporary concerns will be "The Bible and Religious Liberty" led by John M. Lewis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., "Biblical Concepts of Responsible Citizenship"

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SBC Executive Committee Meets

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cies. In response, the committee proposed a new bylaw which states in Part:

"Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the convention for action, with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same convention."

In September, the Executive Committee had proposed an amendment to another bylaw by clarifying the wording to indicate that recommendations to the convention by an agency not publicized in advance would be referred to the Executive Committee or some other committee as the convention might direct. This bylaw dealt with proposals from an agency of the Convention, while the new bylaw would cover motions by messengers.

Eight other matters referred to the Executive Committee by the convention in St. Louis prompted action in the February meeting. Briefly, the committee responded to each by:

—Recommending that investments of SBC agencies not be published in their annual reports, but that their investment guidelines be published and their list of investments be made available on request;

—Receiving a report from the SBC Sunday School Board as information to be presented to the Philadelphia convention stating the board felt the position on doctrinal reader was a historic and necessary one and should

not be abolished; and that the name of the Broadman Bible Commentary should not be changed;

—Continuing a study of the need for a program on counseling ministers and their families, and requesting information from state conventions on ministers facing stress and other problems;

—Receiving as information a report from the Radio-TV Commission explaining in response to a convention motion that the commission had no official ties whatever with the National Council of Churches;

—Receiving as information a report from the Foreign Mission Board responding to a motion concerning payment of moving expenses of returned foreign missionaries;

—Recommending that the convention continue to meet annual rather than biennially, as suggested by one motion at the St. Louis convention, and reporting findings of a survey of SBC leaders and pastors showing preference for annual sessions;

—Reporting that a request for the SBC Annuity Board to increase its benefits by one-third annually between 1972 and 1974 (100 per cent total increase) is "not feasible since the money required to fund this plan would be prohibitive" and would create an actuarial liability of \$34 million.

Six resolutions were adopted by the Executive Committee — four expressing appreciation for retiring or deceased SBC leaders, and two dealing with current events.

Pray For Leaders

Concerning the visit of President Nixon to mainland China, the Executive Committee urged Baptists "to pray for a just and enduring peace,

and for all those leaders involved in the current discussion in China."

The resolution observed the meetings "have awakened new hopes of improvement of relations between East and West."

Commenting on announced plans by Columbia Broadcasting System to show X- and R-Rated movies on night television, the committee declared that "the invasion of America's homes with profanity, vulgarity, adultery, incest, homosexuality, child molestation, nudity" and satire represents a moral challenge of major proportions."

The resolution urged the network to "exercise moral vision and leadership in promptly reversing their decision to show these highly objectionable films on television," and asked the SBC Christian Life Commission to take appropriate steps for implementation of this concern, including a possibility of legal action.

Other resolutions expressed appreciation for the influence and ministry of the late Joe Waltz, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania-Southern Jersey Convention of Southern Baptists; retiring Editor Erwin McElroy of the Arkansas Baptist News magazine; retiring President Miller Berquist of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; retiring executive secretary Harold Sanders of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; and Arthur Reed, retired executive secretary of the Annuity Board.

In two related major actions, the Executive Committee voted to appoint a special committee to study allocation of SBC capital funds in the future; and requested the committee's administrative subcommittee to start the budget review process and make an annual report.

B. C. Rogers Dies At 67

Funeral services for B. C. Rogers Sr., 67, one of the South's foremost industrialists, were held Feb. 28 at First Church, Morton.

Officiating at the service were Rev. Bartis Harper, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, of Yazoo City; Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, and Dr. Howard Aultman, of Columbia. Mr. Rogers, who built a multi-million dollar empire from eggs, poultry, cattle, land and other interests, died Saturday night about 9 a.m. while attending a ball game.

Mr. Rogers was chairman of the board of B. C. Rogers & Sons, Inc., and of B. C. Rogers Oil Company, Rogers Farms, Inc., and Bank Construction Company. He owned one of the country's finest herds of polled Herefords.

He had been president of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Morton. In 1962 he gave Mississippi College \$100,000 and led a drive for \$800,000 to build the B. C. Rogers Student Center there.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Janelle Patrick Rogers; two sons, John Milben Rogers, Morton, Bennie Clyde Rogers Jr., Jackson; a daughter, Mrs. Martha Janelle Gaylor, Jackson; three sisters, Mrs. Lula Rogers Thornton and Mrs. Hazel Cooper, both of Morton; Mrs. Cynthia Oana, Austin, Texas; a brother, Duvall Rogers, Spanish Fort, Ala.; and eight grandchildren.

Religious Liberty

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Democratic Party

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AND WHEREAS such an amendment would jeopardize the religious liberty protections currently embodied in the FIRST Amendment;

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ods used in arriving at Cooperative Program allocations to the convention.

The Executive Committee also requested its Committee of Fifteen to study possible overlap of the programs of the Christian Life Commission and Public Affairs Committee. Two days earlier, the restructure committee reported it had studied these agencies "but is not prepared until all agencies are studied to make any proposal" concerning them.

The Executive Committee approved revisions in the program statements of the SBC Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and Education Commission for recommendation to the convention in Philadelphia, and voted to approve a withdrawal of a program statement change request from the Radio-TV Commission.

Detailed plans for promoting SBC programs in 1974-75 under the theme, "Share the Word Now," were approved for recommendation to the Philadelphia convention.

Report From HMB

The committee also heard a report from the SBC Home Mission Board and Radio-TV Commission indicating they had resolved conflicts and had come to an agreement for cooperation in producing a television series stressing evangelistic response.

Permission was granted the Radio-TV Commission to conduct a fund campaign to raise \$2 million. No solicitation of churches will be allowed under the approval. Recently the commission was given a \$500,000 contribution, with the stipulation that it raise an equal amount in matching funds. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was also given permission to borrow \$125,000 to build modular homes for students.

Bylaws of the Executive Committee were amended to delete detailed job assignments to staff members of the Executive Committee, and reaffirming administrative responsibility assigned to the executive secretary. It was stated the administration would study the role and placement of the Baptist Program magazine for six months before final decision is to be made on any changes.

Closing address for the three-day meeting was brought by SBC President Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., who called for an emphasis on expressions of hope and encouragement in the midst of discouragement and despair in the problems facing the world, and the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

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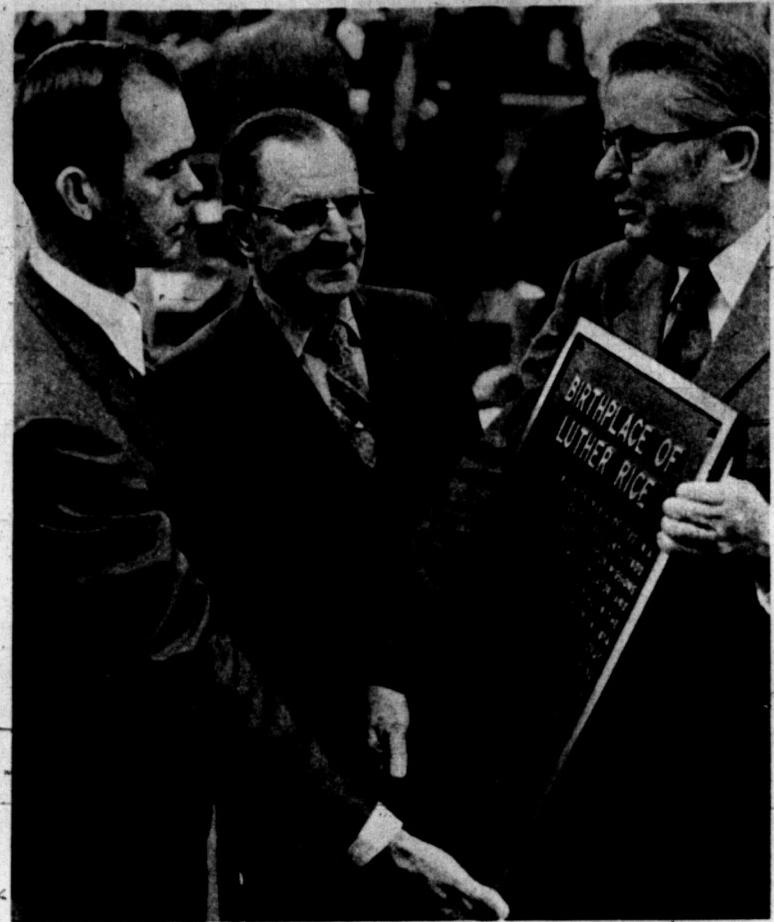
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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT—Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, holds a plaque the Home Mission Board will install at the birthplace of Luther Rice, Baptist pioneer, in ceremonies June 10 at Northboro, Mass. Providing background information about the plaque are Lynn May (left), executive secretary of the Historical Commission who wrote the text, and Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board.—(BP) Photo by Steve Wall

Plaque Unveiled Honoring Luther Rice Birthplace

NASHVILLE (BP) — A plaque identifying the Massachusetts birthplace of Luther Rice and plans for commemorating the work of the Baptist pioneer missions leader were unveiled here during the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting.

Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, said the two-foot high plaque would be placed on the home at the birth side of Luther Rice near Northboro, Mass., 30 miles west of Boston, in ceremonies June 10 following the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

Rutledge invited Southern Baptist leaders here for the Executive Committee meeting to participate in the June 10 ceremonies, and to remain in the area for organization of six new Southern Baptist churches in New England on Sunday, June 11. The additions will bring the number of Southern Baptist churches in the six northeast states to 36.

The house which will bear the plaque rests on the foundation of the home where Rice was born in 1783.

The original structure was torn down in 1900, but the current building was built on the same foundation.

Living in the home is Elmer Sizer, more, associational superintendent of missions for Southern Baptist work in New England.

Fred Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board, said that consideration is being given to building an associational office building on the property, which conceivably could later house state convention offices when the association qualifies for state convention status.

Adjacent to the home is the Rice Memorial Baptist Church, which was dedicated in June of 1971. The SBC Home Mission Board owns the acre tract of land adjoining the home on which the church is located.

Text of the plaque to be placed on the home, written by Lynn May, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, states:

"Luther Rice was born March 25, 1783, in a house that stood on this site until 1900. Father of American Baptist foreign missions, denominational statesman, educator, and journalist, Rice was instrumental in forming the Triennial Convention in 1814, founding Columbian College (now George Washington University) in 1821, establishing the Baptist General Tract Society in 1824, and the uniting of scattered Baptist churches into a Baptist denomination."

First, Greenville, Observes Retirement Sunday

Dr. William Perry Claxton delivered his retirement sermon to the congregation of First Church, Greenville, Miss., Sunday, Feb. 20, after having served for one-fifth century as their pastor. He retired from the pastorate after working a total of 45 years in that capacity.

Billy Ireland, Chairman of the Retirement Committee, said that during Dr. Claxton's twenty years of leadership in the Greenville church there have been 1618 baptisms. Also, through two major building programs the church building and property located at 407 Main Street has grown from a plant valued at \$386,000 to a present value of \$1,566,000 and the annual budget increased from \$53,000 to \$234,000, with over \$71,000 annually given to mission work beyond local efforts.

On February 20, the congregation observed Retirement Day honoring Dr. and Mrs. Claxton. The Claxtons' son, Gerald, professor of music and voice at Mississippi College, and two daughters, Mrs. David Riddle of Paris, Tenn., and Mrs. James Edwards of Greenville, participated in the activities of the day. The music program included piano accompaniment by Mrs. Riddle and a solo by Mr. Claxton. Mrs. Edwards attended the guests' registration. At the close of the morning service, there was a brief program of recognition and appreciation which included the presentation of a written tribute from the membership, a bound book of letters of appreciation from friends and associates, and agreement from the membership making the pastorate the Claxtons' permanent home, and a monetary love gift from the membership.

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the championship they won under his management in 1938. The team was one of three Dr. Claxton organized and coached when he was pastor of the Powderly Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala. (before the day of Little League.) He became aware of the boys' need for planned recreation after more than 300 windows were broken that year in their division of the city. All three teams established themselves as outstanding in baseball and won city and state championships several times. Twice a regional championship was won, and three of the boys later played in the major leagues. They were Charles "Bubba" Harris with the Philadelphia Athletics, "Bubba" Church with the Philadelphia Phillies, and Zaden with Houston and then the New York Yankees. Zaden was discovered by a Houston Scout when he knocked a ball out of the field over the scoreboard the day their team won the Southern League Championship game.

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Thursday, March 2, 1972

Easter Service To Be Videotaped In The Holy Land



Seminar Held At Baptist Hospital

The annual Seminar of Pastoral Care for the III was held at Baptist Hospital Feb. 24, sponsored by the institution and the Christian Action Commission of the Convention. Several present are seen, from left, (seated): Rev. Howard Brister, Utica; Rev. Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven; Dr. Dave Dear, of the hospital staff; Rev. Gordon Shambarger, hospital chaplain and seminar director. Standing: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, director Christian Action Commission; Dr. Curtis Ellis, Raymond; Rev. Frank Gunn, Forest, and Dr. Dale Wright, New Orleans Baptist Hospital.



Religious Educators In Annual Meeting

The State Baptist Religious Education Association met last week at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi. New officers elected were, from left: Miss Shirley Page, Tupelo, pianist; H. G. Earwood, Columbus, chorister; Miss Frances Shaw, Jackson, secretary; Miss Ethel McKeithen, Hattiesburg, president, and Bob McKee, Jackson, vice-president. Next year the association will meet Feb. 22-24 at the Rowntower Motor Inn on the Gulf Coast.



Three leaders have moment of fellowship just before banquet Friday night at First Baptist Church. From left: Farrell Blankenship, Hattiesburg, president; Dr. John Drakeford, Southwestern Seminary, speaker, and Mose Dangerfield, minister of education of host church.



Arriaga String Quartet At Mississippi College

The Arriaga String Quartet from North Texas State University will be presented in recital on Monday evening, March 6, 8:15 p.m. in Aven Auditorium, Mississippi College. Featured on the program will be Quartet in C Major by Haydn; Quartet No. 1 by Piston and Quartet in e minor by Beethoven. Members of the quartet include Dr. James Lerch, first violin; Dr. George Papich, viola; Dr. Charles Baker, cello, all on the music faculty at NTSU. The second violinist of the quartet is Roland T. Huthmaker, a doctoral student at NTSU. Huthmaker is a graduate of Mississippi College. There will be no admission charge and the public is invited.



'Pioneer' Committee Elects Officers

The Pioneer Missions Committee of the Convention met recently at the Baptist Building, elected officers and heard a first-hand report on the work in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, by Dr. John P. Baker, executive secretary. New officers are, from left: Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulfport, chairman; Rev. Harris Counce, Jr., Luka, vice-chairman; Horace Keer, Jackson, secretary. Dr. Baker is seen at right.

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aggressive witness to their Christian faith.

Jerusalem's largest auditorium, Bin-Nale Ha'oma, will be the site for the meeting.

Joining with Wong and Cooper in the presentation here were Floyd Harris and Jack Jones of Washington, D. C. area, and Erling Oddestad of Stockholm, president of the Baptist Union of Sweden.

The program will feature readings on the life and ministry of Christ from "The Living Bible," a modern paraphrase of the scriptures, and the music of The Centurymen, a men's choir organized by the commission.

Leading the worship service will be Dr. Paul M. Stevens, director of the commission from Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., and Dr. John Claypool, pastor of Broadview Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

About 100 people from the United States, Britain and Israel will participate in the production, which will be videotaped on the site of ancient Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee.

Included will be 25 members of the 100-voice Centurymen choir under direction of Buryl Red, music consultant to the commission.

A videotape mobile unit being shipped to Israel by Lion Television of England will be accompanied by a crew of 20 technicians.

Doris Ann, manager of NBC religious programs, is executive producer of the special telecast, and Richard Cox of the NBC staff is director.

SBC Agency Names Two New Staffers

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Brotherhood Commission took steps internally here to make missions more attractive to young men by naming a 25-year-old editor of Baptist Men's materials and a 35-year-old assistant to the director of the Supporting Services Division.

Dana Driver, an assistant editor of Baptist Men's materials, was advanced by the agency's elected board to editor upon the recommendation of Glendon McCullough, new executive secretary, and W. J. Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's Department.

Jack Childs, periodicals manager, was promoted to a newly-created position as assistant to the director of the Supporting Services Division.

McCullough described the men as "part of the new breed with a commitment and dedication which Southern Baptists need."

In another emphasis on young men, the elected board of the agency voted to invite young men to its meeting August 3-4 and to permit them to ask questions and evaluate the meeting.

The board also agreed to let the SBC Committee on Boards know young men 18-30 with an interest in missions would be welcome if nominated to the elected board.

Massive Letter

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dstry has become so callous that it cannot be depended upon to protect the home from being invaded, by immorality, at its worst, perhaps the hand of government should be used to bring about protection through further regulations.

We trust that this action will be rescinded, hopefully, by CBS on a voluntary basis. If not, we trust the Federal Communications Commission will use all of the authority it has to restrain the showing of these films.

If the FCC does not have sufficient authority, we would hope that Congress would enact legislation giving them authority to protect the American home from this unwarranted intrusion.

Sincerely,
Owen Cooper
OC-pd

District XI Acteens To Meet At Tylertown

The District XI WMU will provide a meeting for Acteens at Tylertown Church, Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-12:00. The program is for girls, 12-17 years of age, and their leaders.

"It is to be a fun-filled, mission-centered day with each girl tooting her own horn and getting hung-up on peanut butter. Therefore, she will bring her own instrument plus a sack lunch. Also, she may bring her own poster creation with the Acteens theme," reports Mrs. Jewell H. Smith of Brookhaven.

Perry Smith, a student at Mississippi State University will be speaking on "My Perfect Date" and Tommy Owens, student at Copiah Lincoln will bring special music. Renee Richardson and Ann Sullivan from Mississippi College and Patsy Atherton from Mississippi State University will lead "Rap" sessions with the girls. Linda Pickett, Mississippi College, will be the "Poster" girl.

CHANGE OF NAME IS RECOMMENDED FOR AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (RNS)—The name of the American Baptist Convention may be changed to the "American Baptist Churches" and the "annual meeting" of the denomination shifted to a biennial basis.

These are two changes being suggested by a Study Commission on Denominational Structure which will submit proposals to the 1972 ABC annual meeting in Denver in May.

Another major change suggested is the replacement of the present 100-member General Council by a 201-member General Board having policy-making authority.

At least 146 members of the proposed board would be elected by regional, state and city units.

NEWS BRIEFS

Martin Niemoller, famous German theologian who defied Hitler and part of World War II as his personal prisoner, celebrated his 80th birthday January 14.

To the many friends who visited him on his birthday he explained that his greatest wish is to see peace in the world. He said the older generation, which is responsible for the great wars of the 20th century, should be able to point the way into a positive future.

SEATTLE (EP)—In lieu of taxes which it does not have to pay, the first Baptist Church here has given Seattle \$100 and designated an additional \$50 to the policemen's fund and \$50 to the firemen's fund to assist families of men killed in the line of duty. A letter accompanying the check aid that the money was "a token contribution to the city for services (street maintenance, fire and police protection, etc.) rendered."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham has been selected to receive the 1972 Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of Broadcasters.

The association, headquartered here, said the award is the "radio-TV industry's highest honor."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—George Mathews, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here for the past five years, has been named to a newly-created position as executive director of the former Southern Baptist Convention-owned hospital. Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville is one of two hospitals previously owned by the SBC, but released to a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees last June.

SALZBURG, Austria — Representatives of the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches were among well-wishers at the dedication of the new 200-seat Salzburg Baptist Church building. Southern Baptist gifts through the Foreign Mission Board paid half the cost of construction. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the board, spoke during the dedication service.

FORT WORTH, TEX. — The largest spring enrollment in the sixty-four year history of Southwestern Seminary has been announced by Felix Gresham, director of admissions. The enrollment of 1,840 is an increase of 83 over 1971, and includes 53 from Mississippi. Fifty-eight students went to Southwestern Seminary as graduates of three of the Southern Baptist-supported institutions in Mississippi, including 43 from Mississippi College, 12 from William Carey College, and three from Blue Mountain College.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The 70-page, Feb. 18 edition of Christianity Today was the largest in the 16-year history of the evangelical fortnightly. In its annual books issue, the magazine had a total of 71 paid advertisements, including four four-color ads.

The Czech Ecumenical News reports that Baptists of Czechoslovakia have received through the biblical department of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Socialist Republic five thousand copies of the Bible, nearly all of which have been distributed among the various congregations. The report said that Baptists of Czechoslovakia published four books in 1971: two devotional books translated from English into Czech and two hymnbooks, one for adults and one for children.

Billy Graham To Visit Attica Prison

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP) — Prisoners at Attica State Prison have heard Evangelist Billy Graham on the radio and invited him to pay a call at the New York facility.

The famous preacher said here at a news conference that he will go to visit the inmates in the prison made popular by last year's riots in which 43 people died.

Baptist School In Israel Will Be Closed This Year

Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel have voted not to reopen the vocational high school at Baptist Village, Petah Tiqva, in September 1972.

Increased operating cost, which left the school in debt at the end of 1971, and inability to attract enough qualified students were reasons cited for the school closing.

Headmaster Fareed Haddad plans to complete the current academic year and graduate a senior class of 10 in June. The present student body is made up of 31 Muslim and Christian Arab boys.



Religious Liberty

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of the East Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Meridian.

Thursday night Dr. Waddell will bring a message on "The Biblical Teachings As To Church and State," and Dr. Samuel Warren, former Head of the Social Science Division, Jackson State College, will speak on the subject "Where Is There a Threat to the Biblical Basis of Church - State Relationships Today?"

Dr. Waddell will open the fourth session Friday morning on "The Biblical Basis for Political Action" — "The Church from State — But Not God from Government."

The panel, in reaction to Dr. Waddell's address will be composed of Rev. A. I. Jones, Dean of the Central Center, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson; Rev. L. V. Powell, Dean of the Winona Center of the Seminary; Rev. George Lee, superintendent of Missions, Columbia, and Rev. Wayne O. Burkes, pastor, Bolton Baptist Church, Bolton.

The closing address will be brought by Dr. Garrett on the subject "Baptists Working Together to Maintain Religious Liberty." Pastors of all the Baptist conventions in Mississippi are invited to attend.



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EDITORIAL

What Is Home Missions?

Next week will be the Home Mission Week of Prayer in tens of thousands of Southern Baptist churches, and the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions will be taken in those churches.

The goal of the special offering this year is \$6,000,000.

Leading in the promotion of the week and the offering is the Woman's Missionary Union, but this now has become a church supported program, with members young and old joining in the giving. WMU members will study the home mission program in their special week of prayer, and will pray for the work, but the week also will be observed in many worship services and prayer meetings, with pastors or other speakers presenting the home mission cause. It always is one of the great weeks of the year in many churches.

What is home missions? To Southern Baptists it is the responsibility of Christian witness to America.

When the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845 one of the agencies established was a home mission board, with the responsibility of carrying the message of salvation wherever it was needed in this land.

For 132 years missionaries representing the convention have moved back and forth across this land, and one of the reasons that Southern Baptists are as strong as they are in so many areas is the work that has been done under the leadership of this board. Thousands of faithful witnesses have served through these years.

Yet, the Home Mission Board of today, is supporting the largest mission program of its history.

There are more than 2200 missionaries serving under the board at the present time. Over 1000 of these serve among the many language groups of the nation. More than 250 work in Christian social ministries, and almost 250 in Metropolitan missions. Over 300 work with National Baptists, and over 200 work in Rural - Urban work, serving in the country and in small towns. Then there are others serving in the Chaplaincy, in special mission ministries, and with Non evangelicals.

The budget of the Home Mission Board for the current year is more than \$15,000,000, but the board could greatly expand its work, meeting ever enlarging needs, if the funds were available.

All of us help support the board as we give through the Cooperative Program, but that budget program cannot meet all of the need, so each year we have opportunity to give through the

special March offering.

Last year Southern Baptists gave \$5,345,551 in this Annie Armstrong Offering, and the goal for this year is \$6,000,000. All funds received above the goal, will go into a special fund to produce a projected evangelistic television series called "Sunday Morning."

This is Baptist witness to America. Let us all determine to have a worthy part in it.

Pollution On The Air Waves

In two stories on page one, reference is made to the announcement by the Columbia Broadcasting System that it is to begin this week the telecasting of a series of X-rated and R-rated films. The first was shown as the late movie on Monday night of this week.

According to the Code and Rating Administration of the Motion Picture Association of America the above listed ratings are defined as follows: "R-Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. X-No one under 17 admitted. (Age limit varies in certain areas.)"

In Nashville last week, The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention took notice of this move by passing a resolution condemning the proposal, and authorizing its Christian Life Commission to take appropriate action concerning it, including legal action if necessary.

The resolution said, "The invasion of American homes with profanity, vulgarity, adultery, incest, homosexuality, child molestation, nudity and sadism represents a moral challenge of major proportions."

Mississippi Baptist layman, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, speaking at a Deacons - Wives banquet in Lincoln County on Friday evening, called for a massive letter writing campaign to CBS protesting the showing of these films. He also revealed that he had written a member of Congress concerning the matter.

We are sure that many Christians will want to join these moves to try to persuade or force Columbia Broadcasting System to withdraw these films for use in their programs.

When one views some of the things already appearing on the television screen he wonders how it could get much worse. Yet evidently it will be worse, when seen that the industry itself has denied to those under 17 years of age, now will be brought into the American living room.

Freedom is not being denied either by the broadcasting company or the viewing public, by the demand that they not program such films. The use of the airways is a privilege, not a right. The number of channels available for television use strictly is limited, and the right to use those channels demands responsibility. The companies must be held accountable for what they send into American homes.

Certainly, people can turn their televisions off if they do not want to see such materials, or to allow their children to see them, and we are confident that the sets will be dark in millions of homes. However, after all, the public does have the right to protect itself from all kinds of pollution, even moral pollution.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At press time we have received a news release from Nashville reporting a telegram from an official of the Columbia Broadcasting System to Dr. Porter Routh, which "denied that the television network plans to show X and R-rated movies on television." The telegram said, "CBS has not - repeat - has not made any announcements that it has 'purchased a large number of X and R-rated movies' because CBS has made no such purchase and has no intention of doing so."

The CBS executive stated that they had used an edited version of the movie "The Damned" but that it was well within the television code to which we subscribe. We assure you that this network will continue to adhere to the high standards we have maintained for years," he added.

The action of the SBC Executive Committee was based upon a report carried in a Miami Herald-Newspaper report which said that "The Damned" was a part of a 167-film package which CBS had bought to replace the Merv Griffin show.

Responding to this telegram, Dr. Porter Routh of the Executive Committee said, "only time will tell whether what they construe to be 'acceptable' will actually be in the public interest. We still feel that it would be helpful for concerned Christians to let their feelings be known to CBS."

It is our conviction that, even though the report may have been erroneous, the reaction gives evidence that great hosts of Americans, and certainly Southern Baptists, do not want morally degrading materials to be telecast. The action which has been taken lets the television companies know where we stand.

The Most Abused Drug

For a long time, many of voices, including The Baptist Record, have been saying that the people of America need to become concerned about use of alcohol as the most wide spread drug abuse in our nation. Up until this time the government, and most other agencies, while expressing deep concern about "drugs" and smoking, have generally ignored the alcohol problem in the land.

At long last, however, responsible agencies have acknowledged the problem, and have announced the launching of a movement to begin to do something about it. Even though the start is exceedingly small, it is a start, and we rejoice to see it.

Out of Washington last week came the announcement that a "task force" appointed by the secretary of health, education and welfare, had issued a report and announced a drive to "make people aware that alcohol is the most abused drug in the United States." "Films, tapes and newspaper ads are being sent to news media across the

country" to help awaken the nation to the problem.

The report reveals that "among the more than 95 million drinkers in the United States, 9-million men and women are alcohol abusers and alcoholic individuals." It adds that "Alcohol plays a major role in half of the highway fatalities and cost 28,000 lives in a recent year. Among young people 6 of 10 highway deaths involve alcohol."

The report adds, "It costs the economy \$15 billion a year, two thirds of that attributable to lost work time in business, industry, civilian government and the military. Public intoxication alone accounts for one-third of all arrests."

The preachers, and other responsible Christian leaders, long have been pointing up the damage that alcohol is doing to our nation.

It is encouraging to see that responsible government leaders are at last waking up. We hope that Christians everywhere will encourage them to really take effective action in this critical problem.

NEWEST BOOKS

HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS by Herschel H. Hobbs (Broadman, 144 pp., \$4.50) An exposition of the books of Hebrews. The subtitle is "The Challenge of Hebrews for Christian Life and Witness Today." Nearly twenty years ago Dr. Hobbs wrote a small book "Studies in Hebrews" which was used as the text book in one of the January Bible emphases of Southern Baptists. In this original book he presented what was considered by many to be a new approach to the meaning and purpose of the book. In the introduction to the new volume, the author states that he always has felt that there needed to be a fuller study of this book than was given in the original brief volume. Out of that conviction and his continued study through the years, he now presents this new book. Dr. Hobbs says that the author of Hebrews assumes a "JUSTIFIED PEOPLE." He adds that the author "wants them (those to whom he is writing) to move from where they are in the Christian experience to where God wills them to be. He has called them for a purpose, and they are to fulfill that purpose. This purpose has to do with God's world mission in redemption for men." He says further "The group to which he (the author of Hebrews) wrote, like so many Christians today, was content to be redeemed from the bondage of sin. They had not caught the larger vision of growing and serving in the fuller salvation of sanctification. Thus they were in danger of losing the full salvation of glorification, not heaven itself, but the sum total of glory and reward in heaven." The author deals with every verse and every word and does not dodge any problem or

question. The entire exposition is rich in its depth of perception and in the way it clarifies the great truths revealed.

THE PERSONAL JESUS by R. Earl Allen (Broadman, 127 pp., \$1.50) Another of the outstanding brief volumes in the Broadman Readers Plan, or Inner Circle (Book Store edition) books. Dr. Allen is pastor of a church in Fort Worth. In this volume he seeks to answer the statement of Greeks who came to Philip saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Dr. Allen looks at many facets of truth concerning our Lord discussing the personal Jesus, his face, hands, feet, voice, temptations, anger, tears, dilemmas, and a number of other subjects related to Him. There are eighteen messages in the book. Each sermon is based upon a text relating to an experience in the life of our Lord or a statement made by him. The exposition is clear and the application is direct. Numerous illustrations are scattered through the messages. Here is devotional and inspirational material which should bless every reader and help him to have a better understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ.

FERVENT SOUL-STIRRING SERMONS By E. J. Daniels (Christ For the World Publishers, 126 pp., paper \$2.00) A collection of new evangelistic messages by a widely known evangelist, E. J. Daniels, have been used in revivals across the nation and in bringing many people to Christ. As one reads them he senses that he is listening to this servant of God as he is preaching to an audience sitting before him. The concern of his heart for men to come to the Lord for salvation, and for Christians to walk closer

to the Lord is felt. Out of his wide experience Dr. Daniels uses many illustrations. Included in this particular volume are three messages directly to the lost, one on success in every realm of life and one rich exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm.

A FOREIGN DEVIL IN CHINA by John C. Pollock (Zondervan, 251 pp., \$5.95) A biography of Dr. L. Nelson Bell, the father-in-law of Dr. Billy Graham. For twenty-five years Dr. Bell served as a missionary doctor in China. Most of this book is devoted to the years in China, although his career as a baseball pro is discussed in one chapter in the beginning of the book and the closing chapters tell of his career since coming out of China as one of the most influential editors and writers in the evangelical world. This is fascinating reading, depicting as it does the life of a Christian missionary in the land of China until they were forced to leave just before World War II. The faith, the devotion to the word of God, and the complete dedication of this man and his family presented in such a manner that once the reader starts he will find it difficult to put the book down. Those of us who love biography welcome this story of one of the great Christian leaders of our day.

CHURCH AND CINEMA by James M. Wall (Eerdmans, 134 pp., \$4.50) An effort to help the church (Christianity) to understand what modern film makers are seeking to do through their products. The author who has evaluated for the magazine "The Advocate" for many years suggests principles for viewing and evaluating films.



"Come Over and Help Us" — Acts 16:9

THE BAPTIST FORUM

"Thanks For The Suits"

Dear Dr. Odle:

Mississippi Baptists have done so much for us that it seems we could never say thank you enough. The Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship Executive Board wants to try, however. On behalf of all the pastors in our area we want to say, "Thank you for the new suits."

You could have picked no better gift from our standpoint. They are a blessing to us.

At the recent Northern Plains Bible and Evangelism Conference in Billings, at which we were happy to have you and Bro. Roy Collum, an oft-asked question was, "Is that your Mississippi suit?"

We here pray that the Lord will richly bless your work for this generous gift to us. Please continue your fervent prayer support of our work here.

John Thomason, Chairman
Johnny Norwood, Clerk
Central Baptist Church
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Lewiston, Montana 59457



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I love to feel chillbumps from joy. Twice quite recently I have sat quietly and breathed-in that essence of joy which is felt only in the presence of greatness. Both times I looked down affectionately at my chillbumps and rubbed them.

The first time was on a Sunday afternoon when I heard the Van Cliburn rehearsal. All during the time when the symphony squeaked and tooted and clanged itself into tune I wondered what good could come of a rehearsal except the final concert—wondered if spending the time at home plopped in my favorite recliner might not have been more therapeutic, "scusing the cultural part.

My yellow mimeographed ticket would not get me into the concert-proper, moreover, all the efforts I made at getting a ticket which would have met with defeat. I had been pleased to have the opportunity to come for a rehearsal, but rehearsal halls do not look glamorous.

However, when, with the grace of a king, Van Cliburn walked out and settled himself down on the piano stool into an austere set of right angles and aimed his long fingers at the keys to that concert grand's components, something said to my chillbumps, "Rise and shine." Magnitude unmeasured was encased in the young man I watched.

It's amazing what a symphony can do when it quits all that squeaking and tooting and clanging and gets to playing. Of course, I understand what the "tuning up" means and know that is necessary for the playing to be pretty. No recliner anywhere could have done for me what all those lovely sounds did.

The second time recently that I sat in the presence of greatness was the next night when I heard Helen Fling talk about the work she and her husband are doing in New York. As I looked at her radiance and as I listened to her thrilling knowledge of a God very personal and close, I felt my chillbumps again respond to that something saying, "It's unusual for you to work two shifts so close, but, rise and shine again."

It is indeed unusual to be exposed two days running to people who have spent enough hours and hours per day, one to be a concert pianist, the other to be a magnificent Christian witness, to excel to the point of greatness.

Their excellence blesses thousands and thousands. This, probably, is the secret. I seem to remember, "Let him who would be greatest among you be servant of all."

These two have been servants to me—they have ministered to me in separate ways, but each pointed me to God. — Address: Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

EDUCATION....what's happening

Charles E. Silberman's *Crisis in the Classroom* (Vintage, \$2.45) created quite a stir when it was published in hardcover last year. Silberman, former director of the Carnegie Corporation which commissioned this work, suggests that the color of U.S. education is gray, the tone b-flat. He indicted the educators and their system, which he believes condescends to students and receives in return a ho-hum to learning. Better things are going on in Great Britain, where the flexible "informal schools" generate a genuine atmosphere of inquiry. How well this concept could be adapted to the particular demands of the American educational system remains to be seen. Tightly written, eloquent in its appeal, but packed with references (Whitehead, Dewey, Piaget, et al.), this isn't an easy book to read, but Silberman's case is so strong you'll want to make the effort.

On The MORAL SCENE...

OUR PRISON SYSTEM HURTS PEOPLE

If prisoners are people, so too are the victims of . . . wardens . . . judges . . . guards. All these people agree that our system of criminal justice simply doesn't work. It doesn't protect society. It doesn't give criminals an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves. A survey of criminal justice in America reveals that: (1) Each night, 200,000 men and women are in jail. (2) In New York City alone, over half the 11,000 inmates of the city's jails had not been convicted of any crime. Unable to raise \$50 for bail, they were awaiting trial—some for as long as 10 or 11 months—for charges that would bring a sentence of only 60 or 90 days. (3) 70 percent of those who complete their prison sentences will return for criminal acts—usually more serious violations committed after their release. (4) Of the \$1.5 billion spent yearly on correction, it is estimated that 95 percent goes for custodial costs: walls, bars and guards. Only five cents of every dollar is spent on rehabilitation: education, job training and health services. (5) There are some 4,700 prisons and jails in the U. S., many of them built in the last century and a few in the 18th century. It would cost from \$10 to \$12 billion merely to replace obsolete facilities. This appalling state of affairs has provoked sharp comments: According to President Richard Nixon, the American system for "correcting and rehabilitating criminals presents a convincing case of failure." "We have developed systems of correction," says Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, "which do not correct." "Correction remains the stepchild of the criminal justice process," observes former Attorney General Ramsey Clark. "There is no justice here. I'm not dispensing justice." "I'm not sentencing justice." "I'm not arraigning scores of people at an average speed of two minutes per defendant." (From *Christopher's New Notes*, March, 1972—No. 192)

Our task as Christian leaders is to match the ageless character of the gospel against the continuing spiritual needs of man in a changing world.—Wayne Dehoney in *Set the Church Afire!*, a Broadman book

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Tribute To A Country Church, Age 100

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PLEASANT GROVE! A hundred times you have seen the springtime come since that day when the jasmine-laden breezes and the singing of birds joined with the voices of our forebears as they sang praises to their spot built an altar to Almighty God.

"I do not know who picked the spot or first spoke your name, but I do know you have pointed The Way for a host of lost souls. On occasion you have given shelter from the storm. You have fed the hungry. You have comforted the sad. You have rejoiced with the new-born. You have given comfort and solace to the aged. You have buried the dead. Your walls have echoed the voices of scores of servants of the Lord. You have been the training ground for a host of ministers of the Gospel who went on to other and perhaps higher places, but never ceased to sing your praises as they went."

My recollection of Pleasant Grove begins with what I suppose to be the first rebuilding. I remember my father, John C. Dickey, working with Bro. James. (I am sure many others worked on it, too, but I don't recall any other particular person.) My part in the work was limited to the role of water boy and lunch-bringer. I do not remember the actual completion of the building nor the first service. I shall never forget, however, the annual revivals down through the years, always in the summertime. I remember J. M. Sandifer, Taylor, Jones, Bragg, Smith, and more I suppose. "I remember the time, I can take you to the place, where the Lord saved me by His wonderful Grace." Bro. Sandifer was the preacher; I was ten years old. I was baptized in Hurricane Creek.

To my mother, Louella Smith Dickey, Pleasant Grove Church must have been the complete and final need of her life. My father shared in this, also. It seems we were always going to church. When there was dinner on the ground, Mama could cook with the best of them. She took her turns at feeding and "boarding" the preachers. She was a

friend to a lot of people who had few friends. Coming from a family of people who were singers, she loved to sing. "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" was her favorite song, and at journey's end she was laid to rest while "The Wondrous Story" filled the air on a quiet summer day.

As long as I can remember I have loved music. It may be for this reason that I recall so vividly so many people who were singers. Among these were grandpa and grandma; Sylvester Collins Smith and Mary Smith, Bunyan Smith, Judson Smith, Lawrence Smith, Oscar Smith, and the greatest tenor of them all, "Cousin Marion" Watts. What a joy it was to sit beside him through the years and try to sing tenor to "Amazing Grace," "Calling The Prodigal," "Oh, Why Not Tonight," "Leaving On The Everlasting Arms."

Those voices are still now. In the silent churchyard they await the Resurrection Morn. Your old walls are gone forever, but stronger walls stand now to testify to the strength and power as God's Lighthouse in the world today, and for ages to come.

Even now, a hundred years later, the jasmine still blooms and the birds still sing. Today God will be glorified. And as you stand by the side of the road some lost soul will find its way Home and praise your name. PLEASANT GROVE!

(Note: On March 5, Pleasant Grove Church, Lincoln Association, will be celebrating its 100th year. The above tribute was written by a former member who is now a member of the First Baptist Church in Memphis.)

Pleasant Grove Centennial

Pleasant Grove Church, Route 5, Brookhaven, is observing its centennial on Sunday, March 5 at eleven o'clock. The speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Joe L. Johnson.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 12 noon.

The speaker for the afternoon service, which will begin at 2 p.m., will be Rev. Ed Griffin.

Everyone is invited to attend this centennial celebration.

Pastor-Song Leader Retreat Upcoming Event For Mar. 17-18

A pastor-song leader retreat for the pastor and church music director (song leader) is scheduled for March 17-18 at Second Church, Indianola. The retreat, sponsored by the state Church Music Department, begins with supper at the church at 6:30 p.m. Friday and closes with lunch on Saturday.

Dr. John R. Cobb, pictured, pastor of First, Inverness and coordinator of the event; states:

"This retreat will be practical from start to finish. It is exclusively designed for leaders of smaller churches—churches with volunteer music directors with little or no training."

The enrollment is limited to the first forty who sign up. It is most important, though not required, that both the pastor and song leader attend. A substitute is permissible if one of the above leaders cannot attend. Thought planned for pastors and song leaders,

a limited number of accompanists may also attend. Reservations should be made with the motel of your choice. Pre-registration should be sent to Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

The approximate cost per person is \$5.00, payable at the retreat, which covers two meals and materials. Motel cost will be in addition."

A Planning Committee, composed of pastors, volunteer music directors, and superintendents of missions, has been working with the Mississippi Church Music Department to plan this retreat.

Baptist Home For Abandoned Children Opened In Venezuela

For the first time, a Baptist home for abandoned and semi-abandoned children has opened in Mene Grande, Venezuela, a village that once was a center of petroleum activities.

Called the Bethesda Baptist Children's Home, it now shelters sixteen children. Acting as father and mother to these children are a national minister and his wife, Jose and Noella Aleman, both graduates of the Baptist Seminary of Cali, Colombia.

Four houses owned by the Home are part of an old oil camp. Also a farm is being bought to serve as an endowment and source of support for the Home, plus a place for the boys to work during vacations. It has over 1000 banana and platano trees, plus other citrus trees.

Mrs. Anne F. de Omana, who attended Blue Mountain College and who now lives in Caracas, Venezuela, and is very active in the Bethel Baptist Church there, says, "Much has been accomplished at Bethesda Baptist Church's Home. Jose Aleman and his wife have done the impossible where only God has been their chief support. The home is a step taken in faith by a pastor who saw a need and did something positive about it."

The children's home receives help from concerned people, companies, churches, and groups. Anyone wishing further information may write Sr. Jose Aleman, Rancho Grande, 100-B, Casa Hogar Bautista, Mene Grande, Zulia, Venezuela.

Announces Prayer Crusade

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Mrs. William Bright announces the formation of the Great Commission Prayer Crusade which seeks a network of Christian women across the U.S. to pray for a moral and spiritual awakening for the nation and world. Mrs. Bright, wife of the founder and president of Campus Crusade International, described plans for the crusade in talks at Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (RNS Photo)

National Baptist Women To Study New Mission Book; Men To Study "Win"—March

Leadership conferences for National Baptists during March will include both conferences for women and conferences for pastors, deacons, and laymen. These meetings are fostered by Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

At the conferences for women, Dr. Edwin Robinson will teach the new mission study book, *South of the Sahara*. Dr. Robinson, now retired, was for many years executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

The book, *South of the Sahara*, by Anne Washburn McWilliams, editorial associate of the Baptist Record, deals with National Baptist missions and missionaries in Africa. Leaders will learn how this book can best be taught to the church or society, or to mission youth groups.

At the conferences for pastors, deacons, and laymen, Dr. T. B. Brown, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, will use materials from the Home Mission Board's WIN program on lay witnessing.

At the following places, the men's and women's groups will meet simultaneously. The Sunday afternoon meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the night meetings at 7 p.m. The dean of each seminary center will preside at the conferences.

Sunday afternoon, March 5, Jackson, Central Center, Delta Drive; Monday, March 6, Greenville, Greenville Industrial College; Tuesday night, March 7, Oxford, New Prospect Baptist Church, Highway 334 (Old Highway 6); Wednesday night, March

1, Tupelo, Rising Star Baptist Church, North Madison Street; Thursday night, March 9, West Point, Ministerial Institute and College; Friday night, March 10, Meridian, New Prospect Baptist Church, 9th & 20th Street;

Sunday afternoon, March 12, Laurel, Elms Baptist Church, 6th St.; Monday night, March 13, Hattiesburg, South East Mississippi Seminary Center; Tuesday night, March 14, Picayune, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Weems Street; Wednesday night, March 15, Kosciusko, Christian Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, Corner Tipton & South Streets; Thursday night, March 16, Biloxi, New Bethel Baptist Church on Main St.; Friday night, March 17, Vicksburg, E. D. Straighter Memorial Building, 1411 Openwood Street.

Don't Shoot Yourself Down

Several years ago the newspapers told how a new Navy jet fighter shot itself down. Flying at supersonic speeds, it ran into cannon shells it had fired only seconds before.

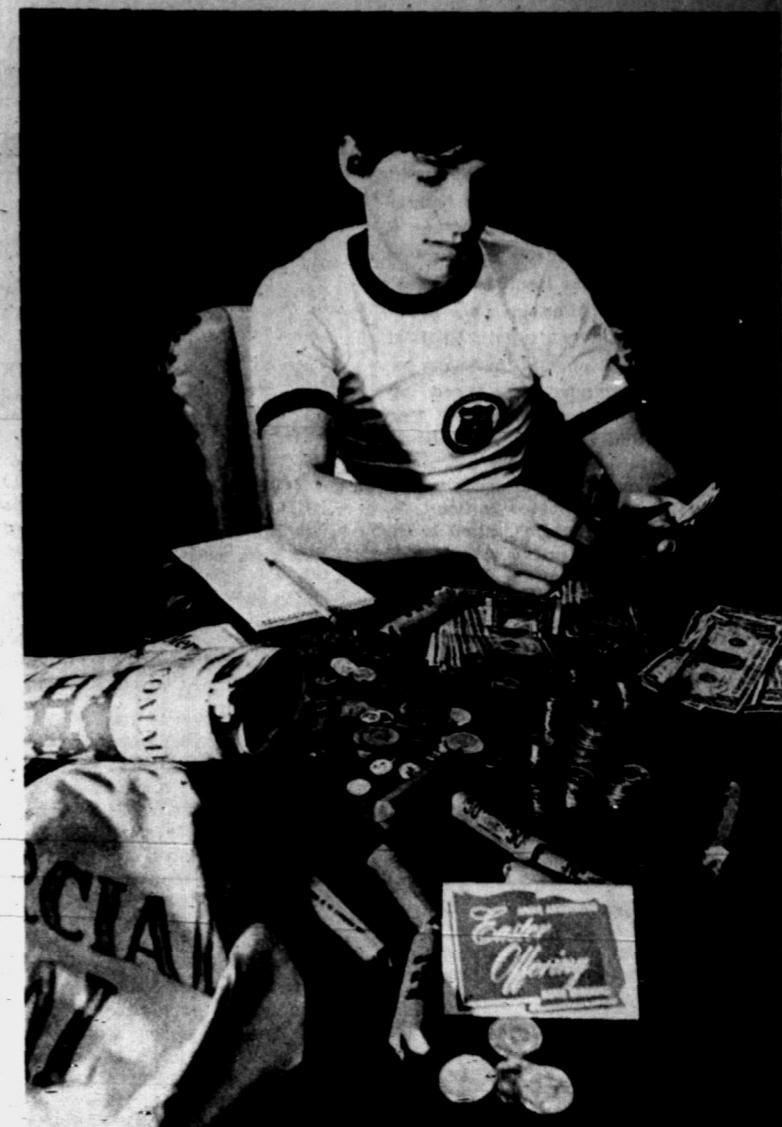
THE JET WAS TRAVELLING TOO FAST.

YOU ARE TRAVELING TOO FAST—If you don't have time to be kind. If you don't have time to worship God in church services.

If you don't have time to read the Bible.

If you're neglecting any of these, you're probably traveling too fast to hear the sound of God's voice. You can't tell whether you're in the center of His will. Better slow down before, like the jet, you shoot yourself down.

—Catharine Brandt
Grace and Life



A Part For Home Missions

Thousands of Southern Baptist Royal Ambassadors throughout the United States are channeling part of the profits from their newspaper routes and other projects to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions as their expression of mission support. Goal of this annual observance is \$6,000,000. (Brotherhood Commission Photo)

Week of Prayer Is A Call To Share...

(Continued From Page 1)

Baptists on the organized world-missions trail.

Southern Baptists used the same theme last December for the companion emphasis on foreign missions. "The idea works in this country as well as abroad," said Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, the agency which heads the Convention-wide observances. By using the Expect-Attempt theme again we are calling for the same quality of enthusiasm and dedication for home missions as we render for foreign missions. Baptist objectives are the same around the world."

New Areas To Be Touched

At the far end of the \$6,000,000 offering goal stand major projects which will thrust home missions into new areas.

The final \$350,000 within the goal is earmarked for advance of Christian

social ministries and of-church extension in crisis situations. All beyond \$6,000,000 goes toward television evangelism projects.

In between zero and these target expenditures hangs almost half the support of home missionaries, field missionaries, and regular projects.

The major section of the offering—the first \$4,850,000—involves missionary support. The biggest chunks go for language missions and church extension. Language missionaries who reach approximately thirty ethnic groups make up almost half the home missionary force. Support of these and their work will be underwritten by a \$1,645,000 allocation.

Church extension is down for a million dollar allocation. This money will help support to varying degrees approximately 600 pastors in mission situations.

Evangelism Set For \$200,000

Evangelism, such as support of WIN (Witness Involvement Now)

Training, and expansion of witness training among teenagers is slated for \$200,000. The chaplaincy program will receive \$30,000. Associational services, including support of many associational superintendents of missions, stands to receive \$750,000. Christian social ministries will be allocated \$765,000. \$60,000 will be for projects in interfaith witness, \$370,000 will help support work with National Baptists.

The second major category of allocations is \$800,000 for support of special projects. Familiar programs covered in this section include US-2 missionaries, summer student missionaries, mission buildings and properties, and scholarships of missionaries' children, for members of language groups, and for National Baptists.

Hofne Mission Board officials say that every cent of the Annie Armstrong offering is spent on the field, not in the home office or for other overhead.

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Names In The News

The registration period for the April 17-19 counseling conference to be led by Dr. Wayne E. Oates of Southern Seminary at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe, La., is now open to anyone interested in attending. A special invitation has been extended to Mississippi pastors. Supt. Wade B. East said that the conference is designed to help pastors and others learn more about counseling with families in crises situations. Attendance must be limited to the first 150 persons who pay a \$5 registration fee. This fee will be refunded if the person notifies the Home by April 1 of a change in plans which would prohibit attendance. Early registration is urged. The \$5 fee should be made payable to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and should be mailed to Box 4196, Monroe, La. 71201.

Rev. Tommy Jones has accepted the pastorate of Harmony (Winston) and has moved to Route 7, Box 224, Louisville, Ms. 39339 (phone 773-6911). He was pastor of Improve Church, Marion Association, for almost four years before going to Harmony.

A sophomore at Southwest Mississippi Junior College began his pastorate at New Zion Church Sunday, Feb. 20.

James R. Fulton of McComb began preaching 5 years ago when he was in the U. S. Air Force, and received his license four years ago. The son of Mrs. W. E. Fulton, Jr., of Morton, he is married to the former Mary Frances Moore of McComb, also a sophomore at Southwest. Both will complete their studies at Southwest in May and will continue their education at Mississippi College next fall.

Recital At Broadmoor To Dedicate Organ

The formal dedicatory recital on the new forty-three rank Reuter pipe organ in the Broadmoor Church, Jackson will be presented, March 5, at three o'clock in the afternoon by Dr. Donald P. Hustad, Professor of Church Music at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Hustad, well-known recording artist, pianist, organist, arranger, and conductor, is a native of Minnesota. He holds the B. A. degree from John Fletcher College of University Park, Iowa, and both the M.M. and D.M. degrees from Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois.

He is the author of numerous compositions, winning the 1968-69 Composers Award given by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. He serves as editorial consultant for publishers of hymnals and church music and is the church music columnist for the "Moody Monthly," "Eternity," and "Christianity Today."

Prior to joining the faculty at Southern Seminary, he served as staff musician and music director of various radio stations and on the faculty at Olivet College of Kankakee, Illinois, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois, Visiting Professor of Church Music at New Orleans Seminary and lecturer at Dallas Theological Seminary. From 1961 - 1967, he served as team-organist for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and directed the "Crusader Men" on the Hour of Decision.

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PICTURED are the officers of The Emory G. May Evangelistic Ministries, which has just received its charter from the state. From left to right are: Rev. Byron Howell of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Emory G. May and Rev. Emory G. May of Collins. The purpose of the association is to promote the Good News of Jesus Christ through the publication of books, booklets, Bible study lessons and through revivals, radio, and television ministries. The association has available its first booklet entitled, "The Natural Consequences of Sin," written by Mr. May. The book is available by writing to The Emory G. May Evangelistic Ministries, Collins, Mississippi 39428. Mr. Howell is pastor of Ora Church, Collins.

Rev. Bill Stroud has resigned the pastorate of Longview Church, Okibeha County, to accept the pastorate of Macedonia Church, Winston County. He served as pastor of Longview for 5½ years. During this time the church was completely brickied and an educational building was added.

Miss Marilyn Moore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, is to be married Feb. 26 to Edward Leroy Beasley of Louisville, Ky., in Crescent Hill Baptist Church there. Dr. Moore is missionary field representative for Europe; a Mississippian, he was born in Clarksdale and reared in Tupelo.

Sammy Crawford has accepted the position as full-time minister of music, youth, and education at Hollandale Church. Mr. Crawford, native of Isola, is a graduate of Mississippi College where he was active in youth revival work. He and his wife, Lucy, presently live in Brandon and plan to begin work in Hollandale next month. Rev. Max R. Parker is the Hollandale pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Tope who were reappointed missionaries, were scheduled to arrive Feb. 7 in Uganda (address: Box 3342, Kampala, Uganda). He was pastor of First Church, Biloxi.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl G. Lee, missionaries to Indonesia, are the parents of a fourth child, Jonathan David, born Dec. 18. Mrs. Lee, the former Twila Turner, was born in Texarkana, Ark., and lived in Illinois, Texas and Mississippi. They may be addressed at Djil. Kesatran 26, Purworejo (Kedu), Djateng, Indonesia.

Rev. Wayne G. Berry of Moss Point, is the new pastor of Frink Church, Rt. 6, Youngstown, Florida. Mr. Berry is a first-year student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., working toward the Diploma in Theology. He was a laboratory technician prior to entering BBI. He was ordained on February 20, in Griffin Street Church, Moss Point, Miss. Mrs. Berry, who was Sherry Branton of Columbia, is also a student at BBI. The couple have two daughters, Robyn and Rhonda.

Mobile College, Mobile, Ala., has sent out a news release that is full of praise for a student from Mississippi. In part, the release says, "Faith plus Vision plus Work equals David Rogers, a twenty-three-year-old student at Mobile College. A native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers. David is a member of Eastlawn Church. Having served as youth director at Ingalls Avenue Church in Pascagoula, Kreole Avenue Church in Moss Point, and director of Activities at Olde Millpond Christian Retreat in Louisville, David acquired an excellent insight into the problems peculiar to today's youth. He was most active in youth evangelism during the past summer, and is now making plans for an even more widespread ministry this summer. His itinerary is not yet complete, but David has said that he believes God will lead him into the areas where he should be. In addition to preaching revivals David has prepared and delivered effective Christian programs for about three years on radio station WPMP, Pascagoula. A student like David Rogers is what Mobile College is all about, man being trained to help his fellow man and to do so willingly. In this day of the 'radical' college student, a student like David is the rule rather than the exception at Mobile College."

Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, missionaries, left Nigeria on Jan. 20 for emergency leave in the States (address: 137 N. Beverly, Amarillo, Tex. 79106). He is a native of Hattiesburg. Mrs. Merritt is the former Elizabeth Cooper, daughter of a Baptist minister.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionaries who have completed leave in the States, were scheduled to depart Feb. 18 for Bangladesh (address: Box 99, Ramna, Dacca 2, Bangladesh). Buckley is a native of Picayune, Miss.; Mrs. Buckley, the former Frances Goyne, was born in Gibson, Miss.

Preschool Workshop, Mississippi College, To Be June 19-23

"Look Ahead" is the theme for this year's preschool workshop to be held in the B. C. Rogers Student Center at Mississippi College.

Outstanding consultants in the field of early childhood education will be participating throughout the week. Time will be June 19-23; graduate or undergraduate credit may be earned. Registration fee for non-credit participants \$30.00; Graduate Credit \$33.00, Undergraduate Credit \$30.00.

For further information contact Dr. Frances McGuffee, Box 54, Clinton, Miss. 39056.

Confidence builds up when you know yourself, what you can do and what you can't do. Leonard E. Wedel in *So You Want a Job*, a Broadman book,

who would like to have a part in the Solid Rock Festival March 31-April 1 should phone 896-3696 in Gulfport or write "Solid Rock Festival," P. O. Box 6218, Gulfport, Miss.

Choir Groups Invited To Take Part In Second Annual Rock Festival On Coast

Plans are now under way for the second annual "Solid Rock Festival" on the beach at Gulfport during the Easter weekend. Activities are being scheduled for Friday night, March 31, and Saturday, April 1st. The "Solid Rock Festival" gets its name from the old hymn, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand." Music will be performed by youth choirs, groups, and individuals during the festivities which are designed to bear a Christian witness on the beach during the Easter season.

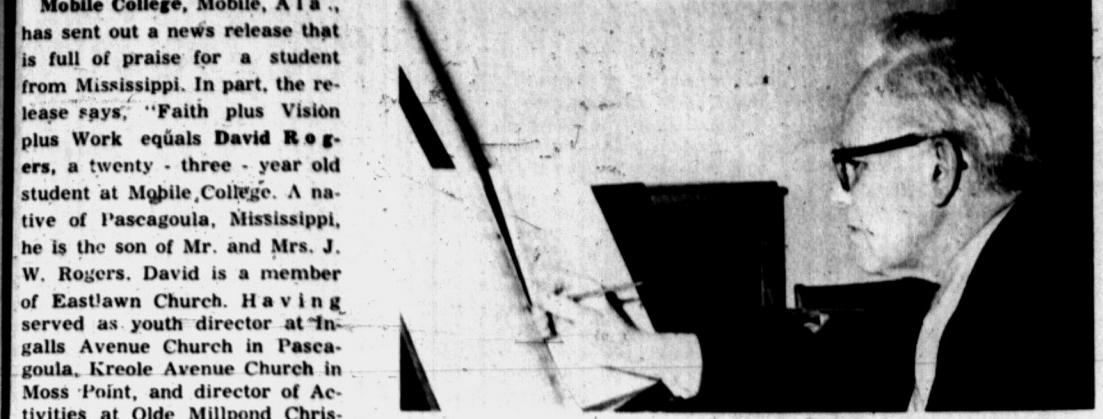
Last year's Solid Rock Festival was a great success. No count of attendance was taken, but the news media estimated crowd numbers of as many as five hundred at some times of the day. Everything is free, with no admission charge and no entrance fees. Last year, peanut butter and jelly were purchased by churches, bread was donated by local bakeries, and

three manuals and pedal organ with forty-three ranks and eight preparations. It was built by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas.

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Mr. John Menist is the Broadmoor organist. Harry W. Thompson is minister of music and Dr. David R. Grant is pastor. The public is invited to attend this service of dedication and recital.



William Carey College music professor, Dr. Benjamin Dunford, checks notes on one of his recent compositions above. A prolific composer, he has received news from two publishing firms that several of his compositions will be released in 1972. Dr. Dunford has had published approximately 50 pieces of original music or original arrangements. He has been a member of the Carey faculty since 1963.

Rev. Joe McKeever, associate pastor in evangelism, First Church, Jackson, addressed students in the Allied Health Program of Mississippi Baptist Hospital February 22. Miss Kathy Bearden is director of student activities at the hospital. The program was held in the Student Center at 7:00 p.m. Miss Bearden said that plans are being made for the students' annual "Slave Sale" in April, with a 11 proceeds going to student missions around the world. She said plans also are under way for a meeting May 4 at which pastors of the Jackson area will be invited to talk to the students in the hospital's various educational programs. Miss Bearden, who also serves as the hospital's career consultant, spoke to high school seniors recently in Terry, Tyertown, Hazlehurst, Magnolia, and McComb.

Rev. J. L. Waller, student at William Carey College, recently became pastor of Derby Church, Poplarville. Coming to this state from the pastorate of Garfield Church, Garfield, Ga., he is a graduate of Brewton-Parker Junior College in Georgia and the Air Force Chaplains' School of Religion.

Rev. and Mrs. James W. Buie, missionaries on short furlough in the States, may now be addressed at 4520 D Seminary Place, New Orleans, La. 70126. Buie is a native of Natchez, Miss., and Mrs. Buie is the former Christine Griffith of Tallahassee, Ala. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965, he was pastor of Woodville Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

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The Foundation Of The Church

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Isaiah 28:16; Jeremiah 31:31-34;

Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:19-22

With this lesson we begin a study of "The Church: Its Nature and Mission." If we are Christians, we are part of the church. We partake of its life. Along with all other Christians, we are the church in the world. The church represents the Christian faith. The world passes judgment on the Christian faith according to the life and witness of the church. It is imperatively important for us to seek a better understanding of the origin, nature, and mission of the church and to become more deeply involved in its life and work. This lesson emphasizes the fact the church had its roots in



the Old Testament heritage. It has its fulfillment in the saving work of Christ and in the lives of those persons who acknowledge him as Savior and worship and serve him as Lord.

The Lesson Explained

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (Matt. 16:13-18)

Jesus was at a crucial point in his ministry and in the training of the twelve disciples. He tested them as to their understanding of who he was and of his mission on earth. Simon Peter responded, seemingly to confess his own faith and that of the group, to declare their conviction that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel, the anointed of God, "the Son of the Living God." Jesus warmly commended Peter, emphasizing that his faith was not the result of human achievement it was based on a revelation by the Father in heaven: it was a gift of grace. On the basis of this confession

of faith, Peter deserved to be called a "rock man"; and on this kind of faith and with people possessing this faith in Jesus as the Son of God, Jesus could say, "I will build my church."

The word "church" was used in the Old Testament (in Hebrew and Greek terms) to refer to the called people of God. Hence there was continuity from the Old Testament heritage. But there was a new beginning, the people of the new covenant, the called people of God constituting the community of faith. This faith is fixed on Christ the Redeemer, the Son of God. Christ is himself the foundation, for it is faith in him that is the condition of life in him. And Christ is also the builder, which means that his sovereignty and his life in the church are the guarantee that the gates of hades or the powers of death shall not overcome it.

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM (Matt. 16:19-20)

Jesus spoke further to Simon Peter, not to confer on him special priority or authority, but as a representative of the group. In essence, Jesus was giving to the church the keys of the kingdom of heaven. He was investing the church with the responsibility of proclaiming the gospel. On the terms of the gospel, the church would be opening the doors into the kingdom or shutting the doors of the kingdom, not on its own authority, but on the authority of the gospel and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The terms of the gospel would be confirmed in heaven under the authority of Christ.

It is important to understand the relation of the church to the kingdom. All persons who are believers in Christ, and therefore constitute the church, are citizens of the kingdom of God. But the church is the community of faith, the redeemed people of God.

You can eliminate some of your squeamish pit-of-the-stomach feeling by first taking stock of yourself; your qualifications, your abilities, your limitations. Leonard E. Wedel in *So You Want a Job*, a Broadman book.

fog, and from a black outlook, in an hour all were in safety, homeward bound."

We need to be so prepared that at any time that Christ may appear we shall be ready. The purpose of being ready is to not be neglectful of our purpose and opportunities. Once a character spoke, "I know that some day the great thing will come into my life, and I want to keep myself fit to take it." We must live in the shadow of eternity, fitting ourselves to appear in the presence of the Holy God.

New Pastor At First, Wiggins

Rev. James W. Street is the new pastor at First Church, Wiggins, coming there from the pastorate of Enon Church, Franklinton, La.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Street of Clinton, Mr. Street is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, and was ordained at First Church, Clinton.

His former places of service also include being pastor of Crystal Springs Church, Tylertown; associate pastor of Gentilly Church, New Orleans; student summer missionary for the Home Mission Board; and summer youth director at Alta Woods, Jackson.

He and his wife, Lynda, have a daughter, Christy Lynn, and a son, Scott Lewis.

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Recently, I attended the funeral of an old friend. Upon leaving the funeral chapel, it was inconvenient for me to get into the funeral procession. So, I went directly to the graveside through a driving wintry rain. Arriving about ten minutes before the procession, I sat in the car and thought about the lady who had died and about the family which had been left behind. It was a sad time.

In the midst of this pervading sorrow, my attention was attracted by about a dozen flitting robins. For them, the rain and cold seemed to hold no dark despair. They flew through the rain, landed face to the wind, and sang their song of life and hope. The psalmist wrote of the same spirit: Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me.—Psalm 42:7-8.

Some time before the experience above, my wife had called my attention to an article about the singing of birds. It referred to the robin which sings in the rain. I asked myself, "Why shouldn't man turn his face to the wind and sing the song which God has planted within his heart?" Reminded again of the article, I asked, "Why shouldn't man be like the nightingale, which sings in the dark?" Must darkness produce despair? The psalmist said that God gives man a song for the night. Paul and Silas sang it. (See Acts 16:24-25.)

When God redeems his people, he puts a new song in their mouths (see Psalm 40:3). He places it there that it might be sung. His purpose is that others might see it, fear, and trust in him. The Christians' greatest witnessing opportunities come in the midst of the night. They must sing in spite of the darkness or of the storms in life.

A friend was teaching in a school of nursing. She had borne an active witness among the students. She lost a baby and was a patient in the hospital. Prayerfully aware of the students' close observation, she had the unique privilege of singing the new song in a way that they could SEE it, and FEAR, and TRUST in God. Do you sing in the night, or do you cower in the darkness? Sing! Sing! Sing a song in the night.

Dr. Criswell Assails The 'Giveaway' Of Southern Baptist Convention Schools

BELTON, Tex. (RNS)—Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the world's largest speaking at the inauguration of Dr. of Dallas — has criticized the Southern Baptist Convention for "giving away its schools."

Speaking at the inauguration of Dr. Bobby E. Parker as president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Dr. Criswell asked:

"What will become of our denomination if we continue to give our schools away? We have started a trend of disassociation which can endanger the very existence of Southern Baptists."

Dr. Criswell cited the recent votes of Southern Baptists to "give away" the Baylor Medical School in Houston, the Baylor Dental Branch in Dallas and the University of Corpus Christi. He also referred to medical-education hospitals in Little Rock and New Orleans which were formerly Baptist-supported but are now secular.

"As our nation becomes increasingly secular," said the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, "our Christian colleges must become the foundation where character and the values of life are taught."

"We are headed toward a time of untrained denominational leadership," he warned. "We desperately need private schools," he said, "where the support comes from sources other than the political arm of government."

Dr. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1968 when delegates voted to turn over to the State of Texas the financial and legal controls of Baylor Medical School, said, "I am but one man against many, but I can cry in alarm."

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Broadmoor To Present "Samuel"

Rehearsals have begun for one of the most exciting musical presentations ever to take place at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. "Samuel" is a musical drama for mixed chorus with solo for soprano, baritone, bass, and boy soprano. In this work through song and action, the story is told of Samuel, the twelfth and last of the judges that God placed over Israel.

Dennis Cooke portrays the role of Elkanah and Mrs. John Menist is Hannah, his wife. The familiar story tells of this couple's dedication of their son to the Lord and how they fulfilled their promise. The priest, Eli, is played by Buddy Graham, as he

trains the young child and prepares him for the role that his own sons could not fulfill.

The drama is based upon the most significant events in the life of Samuel: Hannah's prayer for a son, the journey from Ephraim to Shiloh, the dedication of the boy Samuel, Samuel's service to the old priest Eli in the temple, and concludes with the scene in which Samuel, hearing the voice of God calling him, replies: "Speak, Lord, for your servant heareth."

"Samuel" will be presented Sunday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of Broadmoor.



Pictured above are some of the principal people involved in the production of "Samuel," the musical drama to be presented by the Broadmoor music ministry, Sunday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Broadmoor, Jackson. Left to right: Margaret Frazier, Mrs. Ed Hamilton, Dennis Cooke, Mrs. John Menist, and Buddy Graham. Miss Frazier will be the organist for the drama.

DANIEL!

A musical drama



Pictured with Harry Thompson, the director of the production, are those cast in the roles of Daniel: (Lower left) Stephen Ball, the boy Daniel; (Upper left) Robin McKee, the teen-age Daniel; Michael Bonds, the little boy Daniel; and Frank Fancher, the young man Daniel.

Deacon 50 Years Dies Of Leukemia

George P. Roberts died of leukemia in the Grenada County Hospital, Grenada, on February 1. Mr. Roberts had served as deacon in the Wayside Church, Yalobusha County, for the last five years. Prior to this, he had served as deacon in the Mt. Pisgah Church, Carrollton, for 45 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ellie Roberts, Grenada; son, James Roberts, Greenwood; daughters, Mrs. William Clark, Falls Church, Va.; Mrs. John Hill Martin and Mrs. Catherine Pruitt, both of Grenada; brothers, W. L. Roberts, Alliance, Ohio; Murry McCrary, Houston, Texas; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Rogers, Tutwiler, and Mrs. Eliese Ellington, Webb; and five grandchildren.

The recipients of these scholarships are students in the School of Nursing at Mississippi College. The scholarship fund presently is worth over \$1000.

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